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CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: RH, PINT
SUBJECT: RHODESIAN FRONT GIVES SMITH FULL SUPPORT

REF: PRETORIA 1326

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTED TODAY THAT SPECIAL CONGRESS
OF RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY (RF) HELD APRIL 18 (REFTEL) GAVE
OVERWHELMING SUPPORT TO PM SMITH AND "FREE HAND IN SETTLEMENT
NEGOTIATIONS). SMITH REPORTEDLY SAID AFTERWARDS THAT MEETING
WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND THERE HAD BEEN " SOME GOOD STRONG TALKING."
PRESS REPORT SPECULATES THAT IMPLICATION OF VOTE, WHICH WAS
420 TO 35 IN FAVOR OF SMITH, WAS THAT RF ENDORSES BACKING
BRITISH PROPSAL FOR MAJORITY RULE. HOWEVER, SMITH
REFUSED COMMENT ON THAT ASPECT.

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2.THE POSITION OF TWELVE REBEL MP'S WAS REPORTEDLY NOT
DISCUSSED AT CONGRESS, BUT IS BEING LEFT TO RF DISCIPLINARY
COMMITTEE FOR DISPOSITION.

3. COMMENT: RHODESIAN PRESS SPECULATION IN WEEKS LEADING
UP TO CONGRESS HAD BEEN OVERRIDDEN WITH PESSIMISM ABOUT

SMITH'S PARTY STRENGTH. THIS APPARENT "TURNAROUND IN PARTY
THINKING," AS ONE REPORTED DESCRIBED YESTERDAY'S VOTE,
MAY WELL REFLECT RF SUPPORT OVER NEW BRITISH INITIATIVE. BOWDLER

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